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DEPARTMENT APPROVES BONN GROUP CONSULTATION PAPER (REFTEL B). WE ALSO APPROVE FRG INTERNAL MEMORANDUM AND SCENARIO DEVELOPED FOR QUADRIPARTITE DINNER CONTAINED IN REFTEL A, WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. CONTENTS OF FRG INTERNAL MEMORANDUM FOLLOWED CLOSELY ORIGINAL DRAFT CONSULTATION PAPER WHICH US TABLED AT BONN GROUP IN FEBRUARY. IT IS THE KIND OF DOCUMENT WHICH, IN OUR VIEW, CAN WITHSTAND PUBLIC SCRUTINY AND WITH WHICH WE ARE PLEASED TO BE ASSOCIATED.

B. OUR ONLY CONCERN IN FRG TEXT IS USE OF THE WORD "PLAN" IN PARAS D AND E OF REFTEL A. THIS WORD, IN OUR JUDGMENT, IS NOT BROAD ENOUGH TO COVER MEETINGS AND OTHER TYPES OF

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ACTIVITIES WHICH FRG MINISTRIES MIGHT WISH TO SCHEDULE IN

BERLIN AND WHICH WE MIGHT WISH TO BE CONSULTED UPON IN ADVANCE. EMBASSY BONN MIGHT WISH TO ASK FRG WHETHER THIS WORD MIGHT NOT BE CHANGED.

C. ELABORATE SCENARIO WHICH BONN GROUP HAS WORKED OUT FOR QUADRIpartite DINNER DISCUSSION SEEMS TO US PRIMARILY

DESIGNED TO ENABLE BRITISH AND FRENCH TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM FRG INTERNAL MEMORANDUM. THIS MAY BE UNDERSTANDABLE IN THE ABSTRACT, BUT BOTH MUST REALIZE THAT A DOCUMENT OF THIS KIND, DISTRIBUTED TO ALL FRG MINISTRIES, CANNOT REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL FOR LONG AND THAT THREE POWERS WILL HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING WHEN NEWS LEAKS BEGIN. AGREEMENT IN ADVANCE ON A PRESS LINE, WHICH WOULD ESSENTIALLY STATE THAT THE THREE POWERS KNEW ABOUT THIS MEMORANDUM IN ADVANCE AND AGREED WITH ITS CONTENTS WOULD SEEM TO US HIGHLY DESIRABLE. SISCO

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